

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ food or beverage of Claim 3, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising:

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein said food or beverage is selected from the group consisting of a milk product, a cereal or pasta product, a soy product, a rice product, a wheat flour product, an oil or fat-containing food, a condiment, a semisolid food, a sauce, a soup, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, decaffeinated tea, a herbal tea or infusion, a chocolate product, a beverage containing alcohol, a fruit or vegetable juice and a soft drink.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A supplement comprising

- (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, ~~and~~
(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or
pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and
(c) a nutrient, vitamin, mineral, herbal product or drug.

9. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A process for ~~preventing or~~ treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of ~~a composition comprising (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,~~ the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of ~~a composition comprising (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,~~ the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

15. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

16. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

17. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (New) The supplement of Claim 21, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

23. (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

24. (New) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

25. (New) The process of Claim 24, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

26. (New) The process of Claim 24, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

27. (New) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

28. (New) The process of Claim 27, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

29. (New) The process of Claim 27, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.